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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 3517.1A

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: NAVAL AVIATION TRAINING SYSTEMS ADVISORY GROUP (NATSAG)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 1500.51B (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) NATSAG Charter

1. Purpose. To revise the NATSAG charter, direct its functions and organization, and provide guidance to all naval activities and commands involved in training Navy and Marine Corps aviation personnel. (R)
2. Cancellation. OPNAV INSTRUCTION 3517.1.
3. Background. The NATSAG provides an official forum where fleet, aviation staff, and Washington personnel can review fleet training issues and develop strategies that enhance readiness through affordable training. Through the standing committees (Aircrew, Maintenance, Manpower, Strategy, and Technology), NATSAG is a forum to assign priority to training issues identified by type/force commanders, operational advisory groups (OAGs), and/or executive steering committees (ESCs) which require resolution at the Chief of Naval Operations level and/or support in the Program Objective Memorandum (POM)/Program Review (PR). (R)
4. Scope. This instruction applies to Navy and Marine Corps active and reserve aviation forces.
5. Discussion. Consistent with the guidance contained in reference (a), the NATSAG evaluates aviation training issues, assigns priority, and recommends strategies that promote/enhance aviation readiness. Additionally, the NATSAG provides a forum that promotes greater coordination within the training systems community, enhances effective communications among the diverse (R)



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training organizations, and focuses on methods to ensure aviation programs reflect the most effective, efficient, and affordable means for executing training within the naval aviation establishment.

6. Responsibilities. Responsibilities for the implementation of this instruction and the organizational structure of the NATSAG are delineated in enclosure (1).



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CHARTER

NAVAL AVIATION TRAINING SYSTEMS ADVISORY GROUP (NATSAG)

This document outlines the functions, process, and organization of the Naval Aviation Training Systems Advisory Group (NATSAG) as established by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Air Warfare Division (N88). (R)

1. Goal. The goal of the NATSAG is to provide an official forum where fleet, aviation staff, and Washington personnel can assign priority to training issues identified by type/force commanders, operational advisory groups (OAGs), and/or executive steering committees (ESCs) which require resolution at the OPNAV level and/or support in the Program Objective Memorandum (POM)/Program Review (PR). (R)

2. Functions. The Naval Aviation Training Systems Advisory Group shall:

a. Address fleet aviation training issues and provide cohesive recommendations for aviation training policies that increase combat readiness. The NATSAG will not address matters beyond the scope of naval aviation training. (R)

b. Through the standing committees (Aircraft, Maintenance, Manpower, Strategy, and Technology), assign priority to training issues identified by type/force commanders, OAGs, and/or ESCs which require resolution at the OPNAV level and/or support in the POM/PR. (A)

c. Provide a forum to promote greater coordination within the training systems acquisition community; ensure effective communications among the diverse training organizations; and ensure that aviation programs reflect, to the maximum extent affordable, the most effective and efficient means for executing aviation training within the Navy and Marine Corps. (R)

d. Coordinate with Department of Defense Research and Development facilities and private industry to promote development of technology enhancements to aviation training system capabilities. (A)

3. Process. The annual NATSAG Conference will be in April at a designated Navy/Marine Corps activity, with a separate NATSAG ESC (A)

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held each October in Washington, D.C. During the April meeting, Type Commander training requirements and/or other fleet training issues that require OPNAV support will be assigned to the separate standing committees for review. Prior to the end of the meeting, the NATSAG will develop the overall Top 10 training issues. At the October NATSAG ESC meeting, the status of the Top 10 issues will be reviewed and compared with the TYCOM Integrated Priority Lists (IPLs) developed from training requirements identified during OAGs. These will be used to develop a training strategy for CNO N889 to support during the POM/PR process. Table (1) depicts the NATSAG process and its relationship to other events that influence aviation training.

A) The NATSAG Process and Relationships

APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
NATSAG CONF: Devl Top 10 Issues	TOP 10 ISSUES WORKED BY TYCOMs/OPNAV POCs					ESC MTG: Rev/ Refine Issues & Strategy based on current TYCOM IPLs & POM/PR Strategy	STANDING COMMITTEES WORK TOP 10 ISSUES				
	TYCOMs review OAG Training issues and develop IPLs						TYCOMs update IPLs based on OAG inputs				
	OPNAV staff POM/PR issues.						OPNAV develops POM/PR strategies				

Table (1)

4. Organization

a. The organization of the Naval Aviation Training Systems Advisory Group shall be as follows:

Chairperson: Head, Aviation Manpower and Training Branch,
N889

R) Standing Committees
Chairpersons: Strategy- OPNAV N889B
Aircrew- OPNAV N889F
Maintenance- OPNAV N889H
Manpower- OPNAV N889J

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Technology- NAVAIR PMA205

5. Members

(R)

a. The following organizations are standing members of the NATSAG and are requested to designate a senior representative to attend all meetings:

- ◆Chief of Naval Operations (N889)
Chief of Naval Operations (N75)
- ◆Commandant of the Marine Corps
Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet
Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe
Commander, Marine Forces Atlantic
Commander, Marine Forces Pacific
- ◆Chief of Naval Education and Training
Commander, Naval Doctrine Command
Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
Chief of Naval Personnel, Bureau of
Personnel
- ◆Commander, Naval Reserve Force
- ◆Commander, Naval Air Systems Command
Commander, Naval Safety Center
- ◆Commander, Naval Air Force U.S. Atlantic
Fleet
- ◆Commander, Naval Air Force U.S. Pacific
Fleet
- ◆Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat
Development Command
- ◆Chief of Naval Air Training
- ◆Commander, Naval Air Reserve Force
Commander, Training Command U.S. Atlantic
Fleet
Commander, Training Command U.S. Pacific
Fleet
- ALL FUNCTIONAL/TYPE WINGS
- ALL MARINE AIR WINGS
- Commanding Officer, Navy Fighter Weapons
School
- Commanding Officer, Naval Strike Warfare
Center
- Commanding Officer, Sea Based Weapons and
Advanced Tactics School Pacific
- Commanding Officer, Marine Aviation Weapons

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and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1)
Commanding Officer, Naval Air Warfare
Center, Training Systems Division
Commanding Officer, Naval Air Technical
Training Center
Commanding Officer, Naval Aerospace and
Operational Medicine Institute
Commanding Officer, Naval Aerospace and
Operational Medical
Research Laboratory
Commanding Officer, Naval Air Maintenance
Training Group
Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational
Training Group Atlantic
Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational
Training Group Pacific

Note: ♦Indicates membership on the NATSAG ESC.

b. Membership: Membership may be expanded at the discretion of the Chairperson, as appropriate, to address emergent priorities and interest areas.

R) c. The Chairperson may appoint NATSAG members to specific committees to investigate special areas of interest. Special Advisors may be requested to assist committees on specific tasks.

d. The NATSAG Chairperson will ensure the following functions are performed:

A) (1) Publish the schedule of conferences/meetings and activities;

(2) Prepare the NATSAG/ESC agenda;

(3) Prepare material(s) for NATSAG consideration and make arrangements for all briefings and information to be provided by other activities;

R) (4) Document all NATSAG/ESC proceedings and provide information concerning training initiatives and developments to the NATSAG membership, and;

(5) Perform other duties necessary for the proper functioning of the NATSAG.

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e. The NATSAG Chairperson shall also chair the NATSAG ESC. (A)
Membership will consist of NATSAG committee chairpersons and senior representatives from designated commands. Membership may be expanded at the discretion of the Chairperson. The ESC shall perform the following functions:

(1) Assign priority to training issues addressed during NATSAG conferences, and; (A)

(2) Recommend policy and POM/PR strategies designed to refine and enhance aviation training systems and combat readiness. (A)

f. Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) PMA205 will provide the Secretariat, under the direction of an Executive Secretary. This body will perform all administrative tasks required by the NATSAG/ESC. (A)

5. Conferences/Meetings. In order for the NATSAG to support the fleet's aviation training priorities, the annual NATSAG conference will normally be held each April at a selected Navy/Marine Corps facility. A NATSAG ESC meeting will normally be held each October in Washington, D.C. The meeting will coincide with development of CINC/TYCOM training priorities for the POM/PR process. Additional meetings may be scheduled by the Chairperson as circumstances require. (R)

6. Reporting. Through the ESC, individual committee chairpersons report to the NATSAG Chairperson (N889). The decisions will then be translated into aviation training resource management guidance for integration into the POM/budget development process through the Training, Manpower, and Flight Hour working groups. (R)